

# NEBRASKA STATE FIRE MARSHAL OFFICIAL INTERPRETATION



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Guidelines

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**Comments:**

Number of required  
accessible exits

**Question:** What is the requirement for the total number of accessible exits?

**Response:** For **new** construction the total number of required accessible exits is based on the total number of **required** exits for Life Safety. All the required exits shall be accessible. The requirement for exits does not include accessible entrances requirements.

For **existing** construction, only if the exits are being modified, will the exit be required to be made accessible, to an extent that is feasible.

Definitions to clarify the requirement.

**Egress, Means of-** A continuous and unobstructed way of exit travel from any point in a building or facility to a public way. A means of egress comprises vertical and horizontal travel and may include intervening room spaces, doorways, hallways, corridors, passageways, balconies, stair enclosure, lobbies, horizontal exits, courtyards. *An accessible means of egress is one that complies with these guidelines and does not include stairs, steps or escalators.* Areas of rescue assistance or evacuation elevators may be included as part of accessible means of egress for multi-level building only.

**Accessible route-** A continuous unobstructed path connecting all accessible elements and spaces of a building or facility. *Interior* accessible routes may include corridors, floors, ramps, elevator, lifts and clear floor space at fixtures. *Exterior* accessible routes may include parking access aisles, curb ramps, crosswalks at vehicular ways, walks, ramps and lifts.

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